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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 23, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SHEILA JACKSON-LEE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Chaplain Mark Campbell, Office for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, enlighten our eyes that we may see clearly Your purposes for our great country, and grant Your wisdom to these dedicated leaders. Provide the ability to discern the best from the good, the workable from the unhandy, the useful from the frivolous. "Make us to choose the harder right over the easier wrong."

I ask this day for Your energy and benediction on the work of this body, on the decisions to be made, and in the agreements to be struck.

Protect our troops today, and change the hearts of those who wish ill against our Nation.

I also ask Your divine blessing on each House Member, their families, and their staffs.

With gratitude to You, most high God, I pray in the name of my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING CHAPLAIN MARK CAMPBELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Today, it is my great privilege to welcome Rev. Mark Campbell to the House of Representatives. Rev. Campbell and his wife, Shelley, are active duty in the United States Air Force, ministering to our brave men and women in uniform.

Rev. Campbell is currently the chaplain for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Military Community and Family Policy. He works as a consultant on religious affairs, reviews policy guidance, and facilitates support for chaplain and family support assistance programs at the State level.

Prior to serving as a chaplain in the Air Force, Rev. Campbell pastored the College Gate Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. Since entering the active duty Air Force, Rev. Campbell has served at bases around the world. He is a shining example for those of us instructed to "go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

I thank Rev. Campbell for his prayers today and being here today to lead the invocation.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### A COMMITMENT TO STATUTORY PAYGO

(Mr. KRATOVIL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KRATOVIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the statutory PAYGO legislation passed by the House yesterday. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are certainly correct that this legislation is not perfect. Of course, I'm finding in my first seven months here in Congress that no legislation we pass in this House is perfect. Such is the nature of legislating and the compromise that comes with it.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle, however, in my view, are incorrect in that this legislation is not a positive step in restoring us to the financial discipline that led us to the large surpluses in the 1990s.

Statutory PAYGO holds the Federal Government to the simple, but important, principles that American families demand of themselves: you cannot spend money that you do not have, and when one part of your budget expands, another must tighten.

The passage of statutory PAYGO proves the House of Representatives can learn a lesson from the families we represent by ensuring that both new tax and entitlement legislation alike is paid for.

The large deficits we inherited as a result of the borrow-and-spend policies of the past have put pressure on funding for education, clean energy and

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